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Letter dated 7 April 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In response to the letter of 29 March 2011 and its related annex circulated by the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan and contained in document A/65/801-S/2011/208, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the recent report of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group Co-Chairs on the Field Assessment Mission to the territories surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh, presenting the view of the Co-Chairs on the existing situation in these areas, as the previous report of 2005, clearly denies the disinformation and the distortion of facts disseminated by the Azerbaijani propaganda machine.

It is regrettable that Azerbaijan is once again misusing and misinterpreting the report of the Field Assessment Mission, just as in 2005, in order to justify its militaristic rhetoric and to move the discussions on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict to other formats which can be harmful for the peace process in the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group.

Azerbaijan's own interpretation of this report contradicts the explanation of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs' presented in the document, thus discrediting their efforts.

We expect the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs to visit the northern part of Martakert region of Nagorno-Karabakh, the eastern part of Martuni region as well as Shahumyan region as soon as possible and to make a relevant report on the situation in these regions.

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Armenia shares the position of the Co-Chairs stated in the report that only a peaceful settlement and negotiations can provide the prospects of a more definite future for the region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 39, 66 and 75, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Garen **Nazarian**
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